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REMARKS

Claims 17-20, 22 and 33 were allowed. 35 U.S.C. §112 issues were raised on the remaining claims.

Applicants appreciate the courtesy of a telephone conference with Examiner Nguyen on October 4, 2006. During the telephone conference, applicants discussed the issues under 35 U.S.C. §112 and further, the limitations of *Mikoshiha et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,456,265). Applicants appreciated the helpful comments of the Examiner as to addressing the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues.

In accordance with the telephone conference, applicant has amended the claims which we believe more than adequately address both the prior art and the 35 U.S.C. §112 issues. It is believed the concerns of the Examiner have been met and that the claims now more than adequately distinguish over the *Mikoshiha et al.* reference.

It is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance and early notification of the same is requested.

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If the Examiner believes a further telephone conference would assist in the prosecution,
the undersigned attorney can be contacted at the listed phone number.

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